

Minutes of March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 24th March 2025 at 11.00am

Members Present: Councillor John Crosse, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor Liam Browne
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Roger Kennedy
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor John O’Heney
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Officials Present: Ms. Sharon Kennedy, Director of Service
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer

Housing Directorate

Ms. Deirdre Flannery, A/Administrative Officer
Ms. Breda Ryan, A/Administrative Officer
Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer

Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer as Gaeilge in recognition of Seachtain na Gaeilge. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Crosse, welcomed everyone to the March Municipal District meeting and commenced the meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the Meetings Administrator.

2.1 Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 24th February, 2025

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District February meeting held on 24th February, 2025 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor John O’Heney.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

3.1 Housing Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Deirdre Flannery, A/Administrative Officer, Breda Ryan, A/Administrative Officer and Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer, Housing Section to the meeting. The team thanked the Cathaoirleach and taking their report as read were available to take questions from the Members.

Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan requested details of the Department allocation for property acquisition including how much and what type of properties can be purchased. Councillor Murphy requested clarification in relation to Mountain View Drive, Cahir and what was meant by re-engaging in planning. She also requested an update in relation to the housing development at Clogheen and details of how many houses are included in the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. Councillor McGrath also supported Councillor Murphy in relation to Mountain View Drive and requested the breakdown of house types for the development in Clogheen. She also referred to the approved housing list and requested that more details be provided including house type and breakdown of need. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to the houses at Longfield, Boherlahan and requested clarification that they will be for elderly and vulnerable applicants. He also commented that the Retrofit Programme is not fit for purpose and the programme should focus on particular estates with additional capacity to target individual houses in areas where no reletting repairs or upgrades have been carried out. Councillor Burgess requested an update on the social housing units with Tuath and when will the next phase of Coopers Lot be available on CBL. He also requested clarification in relation to Tenants in Situ acquisitions and is aware of cases of tenants with Notice to Quits and the landlord is agreeable to sell the house to the Council. Councillor Browne referred to an issue that was raised at the recent SCP meeting where it was noted that other Districts were receiving greater details on the vacant houses list. Councillor Browne also commented that some tenants are reluctant to have upgrades carried out under the Retrofit Scheme due to the air to water system and problems experienced by some due to the recent severe weather event. He also noted that tenants are making repair requests and being told its the tenants responsibility. He asked if the budget could be increased to cover small repair requests. Councillor Browne also asked if small families could be allocated three bedroom properties because with growing families they will need a larger house in time. Councillor Kennedy asked if payments of housing grants could be made directly to contractor as some contractors are not being paid in full. Councillor McGrath asked that a particularly focus would be put on the Tenant in Situ Scheme to purchase houses for disability purposes because the need is greater.

In response Ms Flannery confirmed that they are currently waiting for a Department Circular in relation to the Tenant in Situ Scheme and she believes

the focus will be on homeless and disability but very exceptional cases. She confirmed that a clear message needs to get out to landlords that the Council will not be buying houses. Regarding, Councillor Browne's query which was raised at the SPC, housing is not in favour of identifying vacant houses due to the risk of squatters and vandalism. She also confirmed that houses are allocated based on need and have regard to the policy and the age of the children. However, there would be a common sense approach if a couple with one child applied they would be considered for a three bedroom property.

Ms Ryan confirmed that grants are paid to the applicant and the onus is on the applicant to find a contractor to carry out the work. The District Director advised that the contract is between the tenant and the contractor and if the Council was involved, a contractor would be subject to the Council's health and safety criteria. Councillor Hanna Hourigan advised that she has dealt with other Council's like Limerick who pay grants directly to the contractor.

Mr Lonergan confirmed that there was Section 179A approval for the construction of 45 new houses at Mountain View Cahir, however the commencement was delayed because of Uisce Eireann and the Section 179A planning approval is expiring. Therefore, to keep the project moving the Housing Team will now apply for Part 8 approval. They have completed the tender process and subject to Part 8, hope to be on site in Q3 2025 with an 18 month build time. He also confirmed that the construction of 15 houses in Clogheen will also be going to Part 8 shortly and he will circulate details of the house type breakdown after the meeting. He also agreed to circulate further details in relation to the house types of Wallors Lots and Longfield Boherlahan after the meeting. Mr Lonergan advised the Members that there are 71 Houses across the County that have been identified for Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme and 23 are in this District. He confirmed that some house types are very difficult to bring up to a B2 standard and all upgrades include air to water, insulation and windows upgrades. He also confirmed that the next phase of Coopers Lot which includes 12 houses will be ready by Q2 2025.

Councillor McGrath and Councillor Murphy expressed their disappointment in relation to the delays with the development at Mountain View Drive and referred to the very positive engagement with the public. Councillor Browne requested that more money would be made available for repairs because some tenants can't afford repairs because the house has deteriorated over time and suggested a loan scheme. Councillor Kennedy requested an update in relation to a repair request he made in relation to water running down the inside wall of a tenants house.

In response Ms Flannery advised that there is a central budget for repairs and a budget is made available once a request is made. She commented that this is a restricted budget and the housing section has to be consistent and that is why the handbook is referred to in the response to tenant requests.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Housing Team.

3.2 Consider the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme Allocations 2024.

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that due to the brave decision last September to raise the LPT there is now more money for Festival & Events, Tidy Towns and noted that 64% (€230,000) is going back to the community through the grants being discussed at the March meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Declan Burgess, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2025 allocations were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2025 TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
COMMUNITY GRANTS			
No	Festival/Event	Applicant/Group	Awarded 2025
1	The Ramble 2025	Hillwalking Radio Club	€500
2	The Gathering 2025	Ardmayle Heritage Society	€1,000
3	St Declan's Way Walking Event	Knockmealdown Active	€1,000
4	Trathnona Bealtaine	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
5	Seisun	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
6	A.D.A.R.A Christmas Party	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	€500
7	Skeheenarinky Gala Day	Skeheenarinky Parents Association	€1,500
8	St Patricks Day Parade	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€2,000
9	Donohill Soccer Day	Donohill & District Soccer Club	€1,000
10	International Yoga Day, Vinayaka Festival & Community Fare, Diwali Festival	Federation of Indian Communities in Ireland - Tipperary Branch	€2,000
11	Donohill Fun Festival	Donohill Development Council Ltd	€1,000
12	Cahir Community Sunday Carnival	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,500
13	Christmas Grotto	Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns	€1,500
14	Ardfinnan Mega Family Funday	Ardfinnan Community Council in association with Ardfinnan Mega Family Funday Committee	€2,500
15	Santa Paws 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€750
16	Duhill Wellness Week	Duhill Community Council	€1,000
17	Duhill Crooners Charity Concert	Duhill Community Council	€500
18	The Glen Flower Festival 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000

19	Cappawhite St Patricks Day Parade	Cappawhite Community Council	€1,000
20	Pilgrim Walk 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
21	The Glen Scarecrow Trail 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
22	The Glen Summer Walking Festival 2025	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€1,000
23	Cappawhite ARA Social Evening	Cappawhite Active Retirement Association	€500
24	Cashel St Patricks Parade	Cashel St Patricks Parade Committee	€2,000
25	A Living Will	Suir Productions	€850
26	August Bank Holiday Festival	St Pauls Community Council	€1,500
27	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg	€500
28	Screamland Cashel	Le Cheile Cashel	€1,500
29	Culture at the Castle	Cahir Social and Historical Society	€1,200
30	Pumpkin Festival	Burncourt Community Council CLG	€1,500
31	Ballybacon Grange Sports4All	Ballybacon Grange Hurling & Camogie Club Sports for all	€1,000
32	Glen 5km & Healthy Family Fun Day	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg in conjunction with Glen of Aherlow Fáilte CLG	€1,000
33	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club Annual Christmas Festival	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club	€500
34	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club 25th Anniversary Vintage Show	Clonoulty Rossmore Vintage Club	€1,000
35	Tipperary PPN Sustainable Food Plenary	Tipperary PPN	€500
36	Easter Treasure Trail 2025	Friends of the Playground Cahir	€1,000
37	Scare in Cahir 2025	Friends of the Playground Cahir	€1,500
38	Boherlahan Community Ass Sr Citizen Christmas Party	Boherlahan Community Association	€500
39	Caislean Nua Community Ceili	Caislean Nua Comhaltas	€500
40	Boherlahan Community Association Sports	Boherlahan Community Association	€500
41	The Gathering Tennis Tournament	Larkspur Tennis Club Cashel	€500
42	Duhill Drama Festival	Duhill Dramatic society	€850
43	New Inn Christmas Lights	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,000
44	St Patricks Day Parade	Ballylooby Community Council	€550
45	Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Ballylooby Community Council	€500
46	Halloween Kids Party	Ballylooby Community Council	€300

47	Commemoration Event	third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	€1,000
48	Multeen Players Drama Group	Multeen Players/Knockavilla Community Council	€850
49	Community Christmas	Knockavilla Community Council	€800
50	Rhododendron walking Festival - Winter Solstice Walks	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€800
51	Rhododendron Walking Festival - St Bridget's Bank Holiday Walk	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€800
52	New Inn Festival Spookfest /Mary Doyle Run	New Inn Festival	€1,500
53	Queen of the Suir Festival	Golden Kilfeacle Festival Committee	€1,500
54	Tipperary Festival	Tipperary Festival	€2,500
55	Triple CCC - Cahir, Craic & Ceol	Rockwell Orchestra	€1,200
56	Festival of Music & Dancehall Entertainment	Tipperary Excel Heritage Co. Ltd	€2,500
57	St Patricks Day Parade	Tipperary St Patricks Day Committee	€2,000
58	Third Tipperary Old IRA Commemoration Committee Historical Presentation	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	€1,500
59	Canon Hayes Summer Open Day	Munintir na Tire	€2,000
60	Halloween Event	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€1,000
61	Easter Event	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€1,000
62	Christmas Market	Tipperary Town Marketing Group / Business Alliance	€2,500
63	Cahir Wellness	Cahir Wellness Network & the Heat Retreat	€300
64	Cahir Tradfest	Cahir Comhaltas Michael & Mary Harty	€2,000
65	Araglen Carnival Ballyporeen	Liss, Araglen, Kilworth Co Cork	€1,500
	Total		€72,750
	MUNICIPAL GRANTS		
No	Festival / Event	Applicant/Group	Awarded 2025
1	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€15,000
2	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	Ballyporeen Community Council CLG	€5,500
3	Queen of the Castle Festival	Queen of the Castle Festival	€7,000
4	Boherlahan-Bianconi 150 Summer School	Boherlahan Community Association - Friends of Bianconi	€3,000

5	Rhododendron Walking Festival	Rhododendron Walking Festival	€3,500
	Total		€34,000
	Overall Total		€106,750

3.3 Consider the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations 2025.

On the proposition of Councillor John O’Heney, seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2025 allocations were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT		
TIDY TOWNS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2025		
NO.	NAME	ALLOCATION 2025
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,200
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€1,000
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€2,200
4	Ardmayle Heritage Group Tidy Towns	€1,200
5	Ballylooby Community Council Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€900
6	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200
7	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200
8	Boherlahan Tidy Villages	€1,200
9	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200
10	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000
11	Caiseal Na Ri, Cashel	€1,000
12	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200
13	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000
14	Churchview Residents Association, Lattin	€1,000
15	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,200
16	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,200
17	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite	€1,000
18	Cullen Tidy Towns, Cullen, Co. Tipperary	€1,000
19	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200
20	Duhill Community Council	€1,200
21	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€1,000
22	Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€1,000
23	Emly Tidy Towns, Emly	€1,600
24	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200
25	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden	€1,200
26	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200
27	Highfield Residents Association	€800
28	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€1,000

29	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200
30	Lattin Tidy Town, Lattin	€1,200
31	Murgasty Residents Association	€1,000
32	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,200
33	Newcastle Tidy Towns	€1,200
34	Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€1,000
35	Rocksprings Residents Association, Kilross	€600
36	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
37	Rockwood Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
38	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€800
39	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200
40	Spafield Family Resource Centre	€1,000
41	Summercove Residents Association	€1,000
42	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€1,100
43	The Steeples Residents Association	€1,000
44	Thomastown Tidy Towns, Thomastown	€1,200
45	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€5,000
46	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€1,000
	TOTAL	€63,000

3.4 Consider the Burial Grounds Grant Allocations 2025.

On the proposition of Councillor Declan Burgess, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2025 were agreed as follows:

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2025		
	Grant Recipient	Allocation 2025
1	Anncarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€1,670.00
2	Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
3	Ardmayle Burial Ground	€935.00
4	Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€935.00
5	Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€887.00
6	Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
7	Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€665.00
8	Ballysheehan Burial Ground	€735.00
9	Bansha Old Burial Ground	€887.00
10	Blessed Sacrament Golden	€735.00
11	Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€735.00
12	Cahir New Burial Ground	€935.00
13	Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
14	Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€1,822.00
15	Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€887.00
16	Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow	€665.00
17	Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€2,335.00

18	Cullen Graveyard Committee	€735.00
19	Dangan-Dargan Maintenance	€735.00
20	Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
21	Duhill / Castlegrace Community Council, Clogheen	€665.00
22	Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€887.00
23	Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,600.00
24	Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
25	Grange New Cemetery	€935.00
26	Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
27	Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€735.00
28	Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir	€665.00
29	Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€887.00
30	Kilshane Burial Ground	€735.00
31	Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€735.00
32	Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
33	Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
34	Lagganstown Burial Ground	€735.00
35	Lattin Cemetery Committee	€665.00
36	Lattin New Burial Ground	€935.00
37	Lena Rice Graveyard Parish Committee	€665.00
38	Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
39	Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735.00
40	Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665.00
41	Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
42	Mount Buis Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
43	Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
44	Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665.00
45	New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€887.00
46	Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
47	Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
48	Old Church Street Cahir	€887.00
49	Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
50	Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
51	Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665.00
52	Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€665.00
53	Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552.00
54	Shronnel Graveyard Committee	€665.00
55	Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
56	St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€665.00
57	St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€665.00
58	St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665.00
59	St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
60	St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€665.00

61	St. Johns Famine Graveyard, Tipperary	€665.00
62	St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665.00
63	St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735.00
64	Templenoe Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
65	The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€887.00
66	Toem Burial Ground, Cappawhite	€665.00
67	Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€735.00
68	Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735.00
69	Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€665.00
70	Whitechurch Ballylooby	€735.00
	Total	€58,498.00

3.5 District Engineer's Report

Mr James Swords, District Engineer advised the Members that the road strengthening and recycling had started last week. He confirmed that the Bridge works commenced and he hopes to bring the Red Roads before the Members for approval at the April meeting.

Councillor Kennedy referred to the Rossmore Road to Thurles and he confirmed that this District did a great job on their section and Thurles Municipal District did a great job on their section however there is a 150m stretch in between, that hasn't been upgraded. Councillor Burgess also wanted to support this. Mr Tim Kilmartin, Local Area Engineer advised that there was a particular issue with cows crossing the road and that area couldn't be resurfaced at the time due to poor cooperation from the farmer. Councillor Kennedy also referred to a number of near misses at the school crossing at the Green, Cashel and requested more training and more signage. Councillor Crosse wanted to compliment the roads team on the work to the footpath in Bansha and he asked if it could be extended to the next cross. He also wanted to thank Tim Kilmartin and Paddy Crowley, Active Travel on the improvement works in Emly. Councillor Burgess requested a solution to the junction of Friar Street and Dualla Road and he also asked for a review of the roundabout design at Bregaun. Councillor O'Heney noted the safety works are due to start at Shronnell in September and he also requested that works be carried out in Lattin village.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that line marking is required at the Green and he also confirmed that work on a design for the Dualla Road/Friar Street roundabout will commence this year with funding from development levies. He also confirmed that they will contact the designer of the Bregaun Roundabout and request them to carry out a review. He confirmed that next month work will commence on safety improvement works at Mitchelstown Road, Cahir and the Active Travel team have plans to trial the Super Valu Roundabout.

3.6 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and the District Administrator advised that he was available to take questions. There were no questions from the Elected Members.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended on the death of the following:

- Jimmy Burns, Ballinulty, Cullen, Co. Tipperary

5.2 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- The outdoor staff in Tipperary, Cahir and Cashel who helped with the preparation and clean-up of the very successful St Patricks Day Parades.
- The Cathaoirleach also extended his congratulations to Ms Sharon Kennedy, District Director on her upcoming retirement after 40 years' service and noted that this was her last Municipal District Meeting.

The Members thanked Ms Kennedy for her commitment to local government and wished her every happiness in her retirement. Ms Kennedy was hugely appreciative and acknowledged the great work of the Members and staff of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD. She thanked the Members for welcoming her and wished everyone best of luck and every success

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 28/4/2025.
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 28/4/2025
District Administrator

